



# Transitional FoodShare Wisconsin Fact Sheet

## **Transitional FoodShare Benefits**

Transitional FoodShare extends FoodShare benefits for five months to households leaving Wisconsin Works or Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, known as Tribal TANF. Transitional FoodShare benefits ease the transition to work, and provides a safety net to families who lose cash assistance.

## **Eligibility for Transitional FoodShare benefits**

To be eligible, a member of the FoodShare household must have:

- Participated in a Wisconsin Works payment tier (including Tribal TANF),
- Received at least one cash payment from the program, and
- An open FoodShare case in the month the transitional benefits are determined and the month the last Wisconsin Works or Tribal TANF payment is issued

## **Transitional FoodShare benefit calculation**

The Transitional FoodShare benefit amount is based on household income, expenses and composition for the month prior to the last Wisconsin Works or Tribal TANF payment. No new income is included in the benefits calculation and the Wisconsin Works or Tribal TANF payment is removed from the budget. The Transitional FoodShare benefit amount will stay the same for the next five months. Families are not required to report changes during this five-month period.

## **Transitional FoodShare benefit allotment change**

The only time a Transitional FoodShare allotment amount changes during the five-month period is if a Transitional FoodShare household member moves out and joins another FoodShare group. The benefit amount will be reduced due to the change in household size. This newly calculated benefit amount will remain the same for the remainder of the five-month benefit period.

## **Requesting regular FoodShare Benefits**

Transitional FoodShare households may request regular FoodShare anytime during the five-month benefit period. There may be situations when changes in household size, income, expenses, etc., would cause a household to be eligible for additional FoodShare benefits.

## **Receiving FoodShare after the five-month Transitional FoodShare period ends**

To continue receiving FoodShare benefits after the five-month Transitional FoodShare benefits period ends, the household must complete a recertification for regular FoodShare. The Transitional FoodShare household will receive a notice to contact their worker to complete the recertification approximately 45 days before the end of the five-month benefit period. A recertification interview must be completed to continue benefits. To avoid a gap in FoodShare benefits, the recertification must be completed during the last month the family is eligible for Transitional FoodShare. If the household does not complete the recertification process until the following month, the household may have a gap in benefits. If the household chooses not to apply for regular FoodShare, the case will close.

**For More Information:**

Contact Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available), or visit our web site at: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/index.htm>

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